



The Danish Pronunciation Trainer

The idea of making a Danish Pronunciation Trainer (DUT) was fostered in 2002 by scientists at the University of Southern Denmark and two individual engineers. The purpose of the project was:

1. to make use of computer based speech recognition for non-academic purposes
2. to contribute in solving the greatest barrier foreigners meet, when trying to find a job in Denmark, the ability to pronounce the Danish language.

By help of the funding partners the task of making a commercial product build on the academic results was set in to motion. And in the spring of 2004 promising lab results was achieved when training a group of foreigners in the correct pronunciation of the Danish language. In the fall of 2004 tests were initiated in collaboration with Danish Language Schools and other parties, which led to the same promising results.

Tests of *The Pronunciation Trainer* as an education tool was initiated in the beginning of 2007, and by the end of 2007 the last improvements were developed and implemented. In March of 2008 the trainer was released for testing at the Danish Language Schools.

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